MR. CHAIRMAN: Second Supplementary then.

SHRI G. G. SWELL: You know that inflation is going on and yet the standard of monetary assistance is restricted to Rs. 10,000 per family. While the inflation has gone up, what is the logic of maintaining the same amount?

डा. अबरार अहमद : मैं माननीय सदस्य को बतलाना चाहूंगा कि रेट आफ इंटरेस्ट . . . . (व्यवधान)

SHRI M. D. SALIM: Mr. Chairman, Sir, we want a half-an-hour discussion on this question which pertains to unemployment and unemployed youth.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please give a notice.

SHRI MD. SALIM: Thank you, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Promoting Dish-Antenna sales on Doordarshan

*105. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked dish-antenna manufacturers to slash prices of their products in return for promoting dish-antenna sales on Doordarshan free of cost; and

(b) if so, what has been the response of the manufacturers thereto alongwith Government's policy in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Seizure of Marijuana in Nagaland

*106. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will he Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether contraband marijuana weighing over 10,000 kg. worth Rs. 1000 crores and 850 gm. of heroin had been seized in May last in Nagaland;

(b) if so, what are the details of the persons apprehended and whether any smugglers gang has been unearthed in connection therewith indicatig their modus operandi; and

(c) what effective steps have been and are being taken in the light thereof to curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) 11202 kgs. of Ganja (Marijuana) was seized in four cases in Nagaland during February, 1993 (not May, 1993). No precise valuation of narcotics, often of indeterminate purity and liable for destruction is feasible. Also, in March, 1993 (not May, 1993) 850 Gms. of heroin was seized in one case on Nagaland.

In the first case in which 222 Kgs. of ganja was seized on 19-2-93, two persons belonging to Manipur were arrested. The seized ganja was being carried packed in gunny bags in an Ambassador car.

In the second case in which 5355 kgs. of ganja was seized on 21-2-93, two persons belonging to Manipur were arrested. The seized ganja was loaded in a TATA truck, packed in polythene packets of about 10—20 Kgs. On top of the truck there was a layer of ginger packed in gunny bags. The contraband was being transported to Bihar.

In the third case in which 1200 kgs. of ganja was seized on 23-2-93, one person belonging to Manipur was arrested. The ganja was packed in polythene packets of 15—20 Kgs. each. It was being carried in TATA truck which was loaded with empty bottles packed in gunny bags and the ganja packets were hidden under the bags of empty bottles. It was being taken to Bihar.

In the fourth case in which 4425 Kgs. of ganja was seized on 25-2-93, one person belonging to Nagaland was arrested. The ganja was being carried in a TATA truck. It was packed in polythene packets of 15—20 Kgs. These packets of ganja were kept covered with bags of ginger placed at the top layer of the goods in the truck.

850 Gms. of heroin powder was seized on 13-3-93 and six of Dimapur (Nagaland) were arrested. They were jointly disposing of by sale small quantity of heroin which was brought by an illegal operator whom they have not identified for fear of reprisal. Still efforts are going on to identify and apprehend the gang leader.

The following steps have been taken by Nagaland Police:—

(i) All the Police Check Gates have been altered for stricter checking of vehicles to detect narotic drugs.

(ii) Surprise checks/raids have been organised at various suspected places.

(iii) Policemen suspected to be lenient with traffickers or involving in corruption to allow passage of narcotic drugs from the check gates have been suspended and departmental actions initiated for imposing punishment.

(iv) A proposal for augmenting the strength of Narcotic Cell together with other facilities has been initiated so that all the suspected routes can be covered and activities of State Police Narcotic Cell can be expanded.

(v) Intimation has been sent to the Police authorities of the neighbouring State of Manipur from where all such Narcotic drugs were brought through Nagaland of taking effective measures in their territory.

(vi) Proposal for establishment of special courts under NDPS Act has been initiated so that trial of such cases can be expedited and the culprits punished in time.

(vii) Proposal for establishment of Forensic Science Laboratory with equipments for testing Drugs has been initiated so that investigations into the cases can beexpedited.

(viii) The Reward Scheme introduced by Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) for seizures of narcotic drugs has been publicised in order to motivate informers and Police officers.

Bifurcation of Hyderabad Telecom

*107. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal